

Stefano Badami – Longtime boss of the New Jersey mob, Badami got into a dispute with his top two lieutenants, Phil Amari and Nick Delmore, who are alleged to have ordered his murder on March 31, 1955. Sitting on the throne for 30 years, Badami founded the Elizabeth-based crime family during Prohibition and lead the syndicate's takeover of Newark.

Nick Delmore: Alphonse (Zeeny) Colicchio disrespected New Jersey mob boss Nick Delmore weeks prior to his September 13, 1960 assassination by Girolamo (Jimmy Dumps) Palermo (1938-2014). Delmore retired from mafia affairs three years later.

John (Johnny Boy) D'Amato – Boss of the New Jersey mafia and a close friend of New York "Dapper Don" John Gotti, D'Amato disappeared on January 6, 1992 after being "outed" as a homosexual by a girlfriend. D'Amato took over the crime family's top seat in an acting capacity when Godfather John (The Eagle) Riggi and his underboss Gaetano (Corky) Vastola went to prison. Riggi's consigliere Stefano (Stevie the Truck Driver) Vitabile and syndicate capos Giuseppe (Pino) Shiffilitti and Phil Abramo were each convicted for Johnny Boy D'Amato's murder, despite his body never being discovered. His story served as inspiration for a story arc on The Sopranos hit television show.



Scott Deitche, St. Pete resident, author of *Cigar City Mafia: A Complete History of the Tampa Underworld* and *Garden State Gangland: The Rise of the Mob in New Jersey* interview: *Rich off alcohol, La Cosa Nostra rose (circa 1931) In New Jersey this meant the founding of the Mafia family that would eventually become known as the DeCavalcante crime family. Much like their base of operations, this family too is overlooked*

quite a bit.

"The DeCavalcantes, who are a homegrown crime family based in Elizabeth, they naturally can't compete with the five mob families in New York or even the mob in Philly in terms of how they are viewed," Deitche admits.

But the state housed more than just the DeCavalcante family. "The New York families had the biggest presence in New Jersey. You had members of all five families operating throughout the state. The Genovese family had the largest presence, followed by the Lucchese family. The Philadelphia mob had a large presence across the Southern half of the state, as well as a lone outpost in the Ironbound section of Newark."

He mentioned Cuba casinos as going back to the 1920s – told him about the Count being offered to invest in 1922 which is why he came to Miami Beach and Havana for his 6-week honeymoon.